Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I enquire of the hon. the Chief Minister, whether the Government did not advise the District Board, Coimbatore, to advance money to the Erode Municipality to undertake the scheme ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" Notice, Sir."

Forests

Concessions granted to ryots in reserved forests, South Kanara.

* 165 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to continue the concessions granted to ryots in reserved forests in South Kanara, and if so, for how long a period ; and

(b) why the concessions are not made permanent instead of being extended from time to time ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have decided to continue the concessions so long as they are not abused.

Jails

Treatment given to Mr. K. Neelakantan Nambudiripad.

* 166 Q.—Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what class of political prisoner is Karur Neelakantan Nambudiripad, now undergoing imprisonment in the Madras Penitentiary ;

(b) the assessment which the illom of the said Neelakantan Nambudiripad pays in British Malabar ; and

(c) whether there were any special reasons for placing him in the present class ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information ; but have called for it.

Civil disobedience prisoners sentenced under the Borstal Act.

* 167 Q.—Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have sought or obtained advice from its Law officers about the applicability of the Borstal Act to young persons convicted of political offences in connexion with the Indian National Congress movement or the satyagraha or civil disobedience movement, and if so, what it is ;

(b) whether the Government have issued any and what instructions to the Magistrates and others concerned to give effect to the advice received from its Law officers ;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list or statement of the cases of the class referred to in (a) in which the criminal courts of the Province have so far applied the Borstal Act,